GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:217
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IT EDUCATION
Nandy Shri Amitava

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any scheme to provide Information Technology (IT.) education to the tribal youths of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to encourage and make provisions for extending grants to various private Indian educational institutes who are providing I. T. education to the tribal youths; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OE THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 217 REGARDING IT EDUCATION ASKED BY SHRI AMITAVA NANDY TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.03.2007.

(a) to (d) : The Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements a scheme of Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organizations working for the welfare of the Scheduled Tribes, wherein assistance for Computer Training Centers is also provided as one of the components, The scheme is implemented through Non-Governmental Organizations, Institutions or Organizations set up by Government as Autonomous Bodies either under a statute or as Societies registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, Public Trusts, Companies established under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1958 and Educational and other institutions, like Local Bodies and Cooperative Societies. Further, under another scheme of Vocational Training Centres, training in Computers is also considered as one of the trades in which vocational training in imparted. This scheme is implemented through State Governments/ Union Territories (UTs).A scheme called `Information and Communication Technology (ICT) @ Schools` is being implemented by the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Human Resource Development. Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to the States/UTs on the basis of Computer Education Plans submitted by them for providing computer literacy in the Government and Government-aided Secondary and Higher Secondary schools in the country. Though this scheme is not only meant for IT education of the tribal youth of the country, schools in the tribal areas can also take benefit of this programme through the State Governments.